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For WTVS DETROIT PUBLIC TELEVISION

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<u>Introduction</u>

In an effort to be responsive to the issues of current concern in the Detroit/Metro community, **WTVS** has chosen to broadcast programming reflective of these issues, with the intention of creating greater awareness of these concerns among our viewers.

Community Issues Addressed This Quarter:

Biography/History Culture/Arts Education Health/Health Care Science/Nature Leadership/Public Policy

****BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY****

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**

Program Title: Betty White: First Lady of Television

Produced By: Boettcher/Trinklein

Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 1/11/2022 4pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: The definitive look at Betty White's life and career. Thanks to exclusive access, you'll see Betty behind-the-scenes at work, entertaining at home, and interacting with her close friends; one of whom is a 900-pound grizzly bear.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**Program Title: Irma: My Life in Music

Presenting Station: WYES

Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 2/2/2022 4pm 56.1 90 minutes

Description: IRMA: MY LIFE IN MUSIC is a 90-minute documentary about the "Soul Queen of New Orleans." Although Irma Thomas didn't experience the same kind of commercial success as her contemporaries, Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight, her impact on R&B music is just as great. The program features archival concert and interview footage culled from decades of performances filmed at The New Orleans Jazz Heritage Festival.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**

Program Title: Legacy of Labor Giant Horace Sheffield Jr.

Series Title: American Black Journal #5007

Type: Interview

Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Dates Aired: 2/15/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: On the next American Black Journal, in celebration of Black History Month, we take a closer look at the legacy of an African American giant in the labor union, the late Horace Sheffield, Jr. Stephen talks with Sheffield's son, the Rev. Horace Sheffield III, about his father's powerful influence in the trade union and the civil rights movement. He also discusses the thousands of items in his father's archives and the plans to have the massive collection housed at Wayne State University and WCCCD.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**Program Title: Fannie Lou Hamer's America
Series Title: An America Reframed Special

Type: Documentary

Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Dates Aired: 2/22/2022 9pm 56.1 00 minutes

Description: Explore and celebrate the life of a fearless Mississippi sharecropperturned-human-rights-activist and the injustices in America that made her work essential.

Issue: BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY

Program Title: Zelenskyy: The Man Who Took on Putin

Produced by: ITN Productions Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 3/18/2022 7pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: This documentary charts the rise of the comedian, actor and entertainer who became the improbable wartime leader. For some he was the political lightweight, whose approval ratings had slipped and was not trusted to deal with the rising tensions with Russia. But in the last few weeks Zelenskyy's uncompromising stand -which has led to this current face off with Vladimir Putin -has transformed his image and popularity, both at home and abroad. The film explores the man behind the series of game changing social media and TV appearances which have encapsulated the defiant response of a nation. What motivates him? How did he transform from joker to leader and what is the next chapter of his story?

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**

Program Title: Zoot Suit Riots

Series Title: American Experience (Episode 1406)

Produced by: WGBH

Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 3/29/2022 9pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: In August 1942, the murder of a young Mexican American ignited a firestorm in Los Angeles. The tensions that had been building up for years between Mexican and white Los Angelenos boiled over. The press claimed that Mexican youth -- known as "zoot-suiters" for the clothes they wore -- were

terrorizing the city with a wave of crime. Police fanned out across the city arresting 600 Mexican Americans. Seventeen "zoot-suiters" headed to a trial in which prosecutors had little evidence to present. Nonetheless, guilty verdicts were handed down to all. The tensions the trial inflamed sparked riots between servicemen and the Mexican American community that led to "zoot-suiters" being beaten and stripped of their clothes. Despite vigorous denials from city officials, a citizens' committee concluded the riots had been fueled by racial prejudice and encouraged by sensational news reporting and a discriminatory police department.

*****ARTS/CULTURE****

Issue: ARTS/CULTURE

Series Title: Great Performances (Episode 4701)

Program Title: From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2022

Produced by: Wiener Philharmoniker; WNET; ORF

Type: Performance

Dates Aired: 1/01/2022 8:00pm 56.1 90 minutes

Description: Ring in the new year in Austria at the Musikverein with the Vienna Philharmonic and host Hugh Bonneville in this annual concert of waltzes by Strauss and more under the baton of guest conductor Daniel Barenboim.

Issue: ARTS/CULTURES
Program Title: Black Church in Detroit
Series Title: American Black Journal

Episode 5004 Prison & Jail Ministries

Episode 5008 One-Year Black Church in Detroit Tribute

Produced by: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Ecumenical Theological Seminary

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Type: Interview

Dates Aired: 01/25/2022 Episode 5004 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

02/22/2022 Episode 5008 7pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Episode 5004 - On the next American Black Journal, we'll continue our year long series on The Black Church in Detroit with a look at the important role of Prison and Jail Ministries in the Black Church and the services they provide for incarcerated men and women and their families, as well as ex-

inmates who have re-entered society. Stephen talks with Bishop Mbiyu Chui, pastor of the Shrine of the Black Madonna #1, and Rev. Samuel Spruill, associate minister at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and CEO of the nonprofit organization, H.O.P.E. (Helping Operations for People Empowerment), about the spiritual, physical and emotional guidance offered to current and former offenders through their prison ministries. Plus, producer AJ Walker takes us to United Kingdom Church, where the pastor has co-founded a nonprofit group that holds "Welcome Home" celebrations for the wrongfully convicted who have been recently released from prison. The church also offers valuable resources and referrals to help the exonerated individuals re-adjust to life outside of prison after spending decades behind bars.

Episode #5008 American Black Journal celebrates The Black Church in Detroit's one-year anniversary in collaboration with the Ecumenical Theological Seminary and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History with a special hour-long episode. Host Stephen Henderson explores the impact of the series and the importance of the church in the Black community. Plus a never-before-seen interview from BridgeDetroit's Orlando Bailey, and an original gospel performance from Bishop Charles Ellis III and gospel musician Paul Porter.

Issue: ARTS/CULTURE

Program Title: 25th Annual Sphinx Competition Finals Concert

Produced By: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Type: Performance

Dates Aired: 2/21/2022 9pm 56.1 51 minutes

Description: The Sphinx Competition offers young Black and Latinx classical string players a chance to compete under the guidance of an internationally renowned panel of judges and to perform with established professional musicians in a competition setting.

Issue: ARTS/CULTURE

Program Title: Bonded Art Exhibit at Beacon Park | History of Jazz in

Detroit | Black Madonna

Series Title: One Detroit (Episode 605)
Produced by: WTVS | Detroit Public Television
Type: Interview | Featured Stories

Dates Aired: 2/21/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: The Bonded Art Exhibit at Beacon Park hopes to bring local artists, art collectors and creatives around metro Detroit together for a COVID-safe show. The history of jazz in Detroit takes viewers back in time to Paradise Valley, where it all began. The Shrine of the Black Madonna shares the cultural significance of its Black Madonna portrait. Plus, the history behind Detroit's famous Coney dog.

Issue: ARTS/CULTURE

Program Title: Spotlight Detroit: Short Films Featuring Kresge Artist Fellows

in Literacy & Visual Arts

Produced By: Kresge Arts in Detroit and 7 Cylinders Studio

Type: Short Films

Dates Aired: 3/21/2022 9pm 56.1 60 mins

Description: The premiere of new short films from the Emmy-winning Kresge Arts in Detroit series! Nine Detroit filmmakers worked with the current Kresge Artist Fellows in literary and visual arts to co-create 20 films spanning a dynamic spectrum of filmmaking styles. Literary artists: Emell Derra Adolphus, creative nonfiction; Danielle Aubert, interdisciplinary work; Jeni De La O, poetry; Ann Eskridge, playwriting; Tariq Luthun, poetry; MARS Marshall, poetry; Jassmine Parks, spoken word; B. Van Randall, graphic novels; Casey Rocheteau, poetry; Zig Zag Claybourne, fiction. Visual artists: Peter Daniel Bernal, painting; Judy Bowman, collage; Brian Day, photography; Darcel Deneau, glass; Solomon Johnson, illustration; Gisela McDaniel, painting; Sabrina Nelson, interdisciplinary work; Rachel Reid, animation; Andrew ?AndyT? Thompson, installation; Graem Whyte, interdisciplinary work Filmmakers: John Azoni, Danielle Eliska Lyle, Na Frenette, GhostLight Productions, Gold House Media, Desmond Love, Oksana Mirzoyan, Reel Clever Films, and Toko Shiiki Produced by Kresge Arts in Detroit and 7 Cylinders Studio.

Issue: ARTS/CULTURE

Program Title: Kea's Ark
Presenter: NJTV

Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 3/23/2022 5:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: In the 1980s, a three-story ark was built in Newark's devastated Central Ward. Self-taught artist and engineer Kea Tawana designed and constructed the massive boat by herself. She used salvaged materials from nearby 19th-century buildings being torn down, in an area fast becoming an

urban wasteland. KEA'S ARK features archival clips of the ark's construction and removal, and interviews with artists, historians and friends who speak to the legacy of Kea's rich body of artistic work.

*****EDUCATION*****

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: 86th Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards

Presenter: WVIZ | PBS ideastream

Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 1/20/2022 11pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: This hour-long documentary highlights the 2021 winners of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards and their important work. THE ANISFIEL WOLFBOOK AWARDS is the only national juried prize recognizing literature that has made important contributions to our understanding of racism and human diversity.

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Banning Books in America

Series Title: Amanpour & Company (Episode 4157)

Producer: WLIW

Type: Interview | Discussion | Review

Date Aired: 2/05/2022 11pm 56.1 Segment 18:18

Description: A wave of book-banning is washing over America, and Art Spiegelman is its latest target. His acclaimed graphic novel about the Holocaust, "Maus," was recently banned by a TN school board. The reason cited by the board is content that includes nudity, profanity and violence — this in reference to a book about a concentration camp. Spiegelman discusses what this trend could mean for U.S. democracy.

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Education Diversity

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend (Episode 1664)

Produced by: WETA
Type: Live News

Dates Aired: 2/6/2022 6pm 56.1 Segment: 6:19

Description: Black History Month has put the spotlight on diversity education – and the impact of the ban on teaching critical race theory in some states. According to an analysis by Education Week, 37 states are considering limits to the teaching of sexism, racism and inequality. Nadra Nittle, education reporter for The 19th, joins.

Issue: **EDUCATION** Program Title: "Educated"

Series Title: Amanpour and Company (Episode 4160)

Produced by: WLIW Type: Interview

Date Aired: 2/10/2022 12am 56.1 Segment: 18:18

Description: Many aspiring college students in the U.S. are thwarted by the astronomical cost of a degree. New York Times bestselling author Tara Westover shares her shocking childhood and early experience with poverty in her memoir "Educated.". She didn't set foot inside a classroom until she was 17, and though she is now successful, she says she is not a poster child for the American dream.

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Sesame Street: The Monster at the End of This Story

Producer: Sesame Workshop
Type: Children's Programming

Date Aired: 3/8/2022 11:39am 56.1 30 minutes

Description: With a little help from his friends, Sesame Street's lovable,

furry Grover learns all about bravery and ways to handle nerves.

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Afghan Girls Blocked from Attending School by the Taliban

Series Title: Amanpour and Company (Episode 4191)

Producer: WLIW

Type: News | Interview

Date Aired: 3/25/2022 12am 56.1 Segment 3 min 14 secs

Description: The Taliban have reneged on their vow to allow girls to attend high school, despite repeatedly making that promise since taking power last August. The U.N. Secretary General described the decision as deeply damaging for Afghanistan. Paula Newton reports.

*****HEALTH/HEALTH CARE****

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**Program Title: Lasting Effect of the Virus
Series Title: One Detroit (Episode 548)

Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Type: Interview

Dates Aired: 1/13/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: As COVID numbers keep climbing, we take a closer look at the lasting effects of the virus and how doctors are trying to treat long COVID

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Program Title: Lessons of COVID-19

Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover (Episode 529)

Producer: Creative News Group & FL2 LLC

Type: Interview

Dates Aired: 1/16/2022 12:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Guest: Fareed Zakaria. Author and anchor Fareed Zakaria discusses the lessons of Covid-19 as the world enters the third year of the pandemic. Zakaria, who as a student brought William F. Buckley Jr. to Yale, also discusses threats to democracy at home and abroad.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**Program Title: Traumatic Brain Injuries
Series Title: Wider World (Episode 2213)

Type: Interview Producer: Burke Video

Dates Aired: 1/18/2022 2:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Learn how music therapy helps people with Traumatic Brain

Injuries.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Segment Title: Long COVID Program Title: PBS Newshour

Producer: WETA
Type: Live News

Dates Aired: 2/1/2022 6pm 56.1 Segment: 7:25

Description: With hundreds of thousands of Americans contracting COVID everyday, health officials worry that may mean more people will end up suffering from so-called "long COVID," the mysterious ailment that can affect the body and the mind for months or longer after an initial infection. William Brangham looks at the latest research on the disorder, beginning with the perspective from a long-COVID survivor.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**

Program Title: Impact of Covid-19 On Public Health

Series Title: One Detroit (Episode 554)

Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Type: Interview

Dates Aired: 2/3/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: We'll examine what medical experts are learning about the lingering health issues experienced by some people infected with the virus. Also, we'll look at how the pandemic has affected children's mental health. Plus we'll hear what the public thinks about wearing masks to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**Program Title: Infection Rates Down Globally
Series Title: PBS Newshour (Episode 13466)

Producer: WETA

Type: Live News | Interview

Date Aired: 2/17/2022 6pm 56.1 Segment 13:04

Description: The World Health Organization reported infections are down globally. In the last two weeks, new cases in the U.S. have decreased by more than 60 percent and a number of states and cities have been lifting masking requirements. But experts warn about letting our guard down too soon. Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to President Biden, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

*****SCIENCE/NATURE****

Issue: SCIENCE/NATURE

Program Title: Restore, Release

Series Title: Great Lakes Now (Episode 2201)
Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Type: Science Documentary

Dates Aired: 1/26/2022 11pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Volunteers work to preserve a historic Great Lakes lighthouse; a Chicago community finds new life through embracing its past and high school students learn about Native American culture with the help of lake sturgeon.

Issue: SCIENCE/NATURE
Program Title: American Horses

Series Title: Nature (Episode 4008)

Producer: Grizzley Creek Films, Terra Mater Factual Studio GmbH,

WNET

Type: Documentary

Date Aired: 2/23/2022 8pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: American horses are icons. Each breed has a unique story to tell, and each story is a deep part of the American experience. Grounded in historical moments, charismatic people, and singular places, American Horses takes us on a journey tracing the emergence of these remarkable horses and introducing

contemporary horse trainers who are continuing in the long tradition of caring for the horses. Today, wild Mustangs roam Montana's rugged Pryor Mountains – descendants of those horses who arrived aboard ships of Spanish explorers – and are the closest genetic link to the original Spanish stock. From the Appaloosa, bred and revered by the Nez Perce tribe, to the American Quarter horse, perfectly engineered for work on the open range, to the Morgan Horse, whose underdog story is as legendary as they come. Alongside these signature horses are the vivid characters who bring their stories to life: the cowboy, the Mustang trainer, the elder, the breeder, and the naturalist. Whether galloping down the Pony Express trail, battling for mares in the Rocky Mountains, giving birth to new foals in Vermont, or honoring a sacred Native American tradition, these are the unforgettable moments along this journey.

Issue: SCIENCE/NATURE

Program Title: Augmented

Series Title: Nova (Episode 3904)

Producer: STAT, WGBH Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 2/23/2022 9pm 56.1 120 minutes

Description: An inventor of bionic limbs teams up with an injured climber and a leading surgeon to test a new amputation technique that allows prosthetic limbs to move and feel like the real thing.

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**

Series Title: Great Lakes Now (Episode 2202)

Program Title: Shrinking Winter

Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Type: Documentary

Date Aired: 2/23/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: In **"Shrinking Winter"** the February episode of **Great Lakes Now**: Scientists work to understand the causes and potential effects of less ice cover on the Great Lakes, a documentary photographer and three longtime ice anglers reflect on changes to the winter fishing season, and a competitive speed skater reflects on the joys of "wild ice."

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**

Program Title: A Squirrel's Guide to Success

Series Title: Nature (Episode 3604)
Producer: BBC Studios & WNET

Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 3/30/2022 8pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: The squirrel family - from tiny chipmunks to big prairie dogs - is one of the most widespread on Earth. There are almost 300 species of squirrels that can glide through the air, outwit rattlesnakes, and survive the coldest temperatures of any mammal. What is the secret to their success? Uncover the extraordinary abilities of these cheeky nut lovers as a filmmaker puts their problem-solving to the test on a specially designed obstacle course.

Issue: SCIENCE/NATURE
Program Title: Secrets in Our DNA
Series Title: Nova (Episode 4801)

Producer: Kikim Media Type: Documentary

Dates Aired: 3/30/2022 9pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Millions of Americans have sent their DNA to be analyzed by private companies, which are revealing customers' ancestry and family connections, and reporting health risks. But what are the pitfalls and unintended consequences of sharing genetic data?

*****LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY****

Topic: LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY

Program Title: School Gun Violence

Series Title: Off the Record (Episode 5129)

Producer: WKAR

Type: Interview | Round Table

Date Aired: 1/14/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: The chair of a new legislative committee doing a deep dive into school gun violence is the guest this week...Rep. Luke Meerman. Our lead story COVID setting all sorts or records..all of them bad. On the OTR panel Sergio Martinez Beltran, Dave Boucher and Kyle Melinn.

Guest: Rep. Luke Meerman, (R) Chair, School Safety Task Force.

Topic: LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY

Program Title: Election 2020: Detroit to D.C.

Series Title: One Detroit Special

Producer: WTVS / Detroit Public Television
Type: Interview / Roundtable Discussion

Date Aired: 1/6/2022 8pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Tonight marks the one-year anniversary of the assault on the U.S. Capitol by those hoping to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. To examine the tumultuous events surrounding the election and to consider its long-term consequences, Detroit Public Television presents a one-hour One Detroit special, "Election 20/20: Detroit to D.C."

The program's centerpiece is a video report created in collaboration with the Detroit Free Press focusing on election night, the vote-counting process and the escalating fear and tension among voters on both sides of the political aisle when poll workers faced angry protestors trying to disrupt the democratic process. It was a scene with rare precedent in American history, and it set the stage in many ways for the violence of Jan. 6.

The special also includes a roundtable discussion on where we stand as a country a year after the insurrection, along with interviews with U.S. Reps. Brenda Lawrence (D-Southfield) and Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph), who were both present in the U.S. Capitol as it came under attack and provide a first-hand account of Congress under siege.

To provide the final perspective, One Detroit managing editor and anchor, Christy McDonald, moderates a conversation with Dean Michael Barr from the University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy and Detroit Free Press Editor and Vice President Peter Bhatia, who offer thoughtful analysis of the issues posed by the election and its aftermath, the danger posed by widespread misinformation, the importance of trusted media to the health of our democracy and what this all means to our nation moving forward.

Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**

Program Title: Preserving Democracy: Pursuing A More Perfect Union

Producer: WNET Type: Interview

Date Aired: 1/6/2022 9pm 56.1 120 minutes

Description: Follow the pursuit of democracy from the Revolutionary War through recurring cycles of civil rights progress and backlash, the 2021 Capitol riot and beyond. Explore the impact of voter rights and a civics curriculum on engaged and informed citizens.

Topic: LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY

Program Title: Week in Politics: Ukrainian Crisis, Republican Party Divide,

January 6 Insurrection, Debate on Mask Mandates

Series Title: PBS Newshour (Episode 13469)

Producer: WETA

Type: Live News | Roundtable Discussion

Date Aired: 2/11/2022 6pm 56.1 Segment: 13:32

Description: New York Times columnist David Brooks and Washington Post columnist Jonathan Capehart join Judy Woodruff to discuss the week in politics, including the Ukraine crisis, the widening divide in the Republican Party over the Jan. 6 insurrection, and the heated debate over mask mandates.

Topic: LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY

Program Title: Racial Disparities in Traffic Stop

Series Title: One Detroit (Episode 606)

Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television

Type: Interview | Discussion

Date Aired: 2/24/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Michigan State Police are making changes after commissioning an independent study that found African-American drivers were stopped by state troopers more than other races during 2020. Black and Hispanic citizens were also searched and arrested more than white drivers. Michigan State Police Director Colonel Joe Gasper, and Michigan Department of Civil Rights Executive Director, John Johnson, Jr. talked about addressing the racial disparities on American Black Journal.

Topic: LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY

Program Title: Gas Tax Relief Now & Changing State's Term Limits

Series Title: Off the Record (Episode 5137)

Producer: WKAR

Type: Interview | Round Table Discussion

Date Aired: 3/11/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Our guest is Patrick Anderson fighting efforts to change the state's

term limit law which he wrote. Patrick Anderson, Author of 1992

Term Limits Ballot Initiative

Out lead story: Legislative Republicans pushing for gas tax relief

now.

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